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1. WE HAVE COMPILED A SERIES OF REPORTS FROM THE EC  
OBSERVERS (WHO WERE IN GRUBISNO POLJE ON NOVEMBER 6  
AND PLAN TO RETURN NOVEMBER 7), THE FIFTH MILITARY  
DISTRICT OF THE JNA, AND CROATIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS  
ON EVENTS, ALLEGED AND OTHERWISE, THAT HAVE RECENTLY  
TAKEN PLACE IN WESTERN SLAVONIA. THE TEXTS OF THOSE  
REPORTS FOLLOW.

-- REPORT ON EC MONITORING MISSION TEAM NOVEMBER 6  
VISIT TO GRUBISNO POLJE AREA

2. BEGIN TEXT. ON 6 NOVEMBER, AN EC MONITORING  
TEAM VISITED THE GRUBISNO POLJE AREA TO INVESTIGATE  
A REPORT BY THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SFR YUGOSLAVIA  
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(LETTER DATED 4 NOV) THAT FORCES OF THE CROATIAN  
NATIONAL GUARD (CNG) HAD BURNT OR DESTROYED SERBIAN  
VILLAGES IN THE AREA AND KILLED THOSE INHABITANTS  
WHO WERE UNABLE TO ESCAPE.

3. THE TEAM WERE ESCORTED BY THE PERSONNEL FROM THE  
CNG. AS SERBIAN IRREGULARS AND UNITS OF THE  
YUGOSLAV PEOPLES ARMY (YPA) REMAINED OPERATIONAL IN  
THE AREA, THERE WERE SOME VILLAGES WHICH THE TEAM  
WERE UNABLE TO VISIT FOR SAFETY REASONS.

4. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THE COMMANDER OF THE LOCAL  
CNG FORCES IN GRUBISNO POLJE WHO SAID THAT CROATIAN  
FORCES HAD "LIBERATED" THE IMMEDIATE AREA IN TWO  
DAYS OF FIGHTING FROM 31 OCT TO 1 NOV; THIS HAD  
FOLLOWED A PERIOD OF 2-3 MONTHS OCCUPATION IN WHICH,  
IT WAS CLAIMED, A NUMBER OF LOCAL CZECHS AND  
CROATIANS HAD BEEN KILLED (16 IN THE VILLAGES  
SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED), HOUSES BURNT AND OTHER LOCAL  
INHABITANTS TERRORISED. THIS WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN  
DONE BY SERBIAN IRREGULARS (CHETNIKS) MADE UP FROM  
AMONG THE LOCAL SERBIAN VILLAGERS. WITH THE ADVANCE  
OF THE CNG FORCES, THE SERBIAN FORCES, SUPPORTED BY  
YPA UNITS, HAD WITHDRAWN TOGETHER WITH MOST OF THE  
LOCAL SERBIAN POPULACE FROM THE VILLAGES CONCERNED.  
THE TEAM, STILL WITH CNG ESCORT FOR SAFETY,  
SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED THE VILLAGES OF VELIKA  
PERATOVICA, D RASENICA AND IVANOVO SELO; THEY ALSO  
PASSED THROUGH PARTS OF THE VILLAGES OF MALA  
PERATOVICA AND POLJANI AND THROUGH SERBIAN AREAS OF  
GRUBISNO POLJE. THERE WAS CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF  
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CHETNIK KILLINGS OF CZECH INHABITANTS OF VELIKA  
PERATOVICA AND IVANOVO SELO, INCLUDING GRAVES, BLOOD  
STAINED BLANKETS ACCOMPANIED BY BROKEN HUMAN TEETH,  
AND THE PERSONAL WITNESS OF A NUMBER OF LOCAL CZECH

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VILLAGERS. ONLY ONE SERBIAN COUPLE WAS FOUND DURING  
THE VISITS BUT THEY CONFIRMED CNG CLAIMS THAT THERE  
HAD BEEN NO CNG MALTREATMENT OF THOSE SERBIANS WHO  
HAD REMAINED IN THEIR VILLAGES. THIS WAS ALSO  
CONFIRMED BY THE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CZECHS TO WHOM  
THE TEAM TALKED. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF SYSTEMATIC  
DESTRUCTION OF SERBIAN HOMES THOUGH A NUMBER OF  
HOUSES, INCLUDING THOSE OF LOCAL SERBS, HAD BEEN  
DAMAGED IN THE CONFLICT. SOME OF THE DAMAGE TO  
SERBIAN HOMES WAS SEVERE REFLECTING THE CNG USE OF  
ARTILLERY. THERE WAS ALSO EVIDENCE OF MORE RECENT  
BURNING OF A SMALL NUMBER OF SERBIAN HOUSES, FARM  
BUILDINGS AND HAY STACKS. THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO  
ESTABLISH FROM THOSE INTERVIEWED WHETHER THIS WAS DUE  
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TO ACTS OF LOCAL REVENGE AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF  
LEADING CHETNIK FIGURES, TO CNG ACTION OR TO A  
RETROSPECTIVE SERBIAN SCORCHED EARTH POLICY.

15. IN CONCLUSION, WHILE THERE WAS COMPELLING  
EVIDENCE OF CHETNIK EXCESSES DURING THEIR 2-3 MONTHS  
PERIOD OF CONTROL OF THE AREA, THE TEAM COULD FIND NO  
EVIDENCE OF SUBSEQUENT CROATIAN KILLINGS OR OF A

SYSTEMATIC POLICY OF DESTRUCTION OF SERBIAN PROPERTY  
ON THE PART OF THE CNG OR LOCAL CROAT OR OTHER  
MINORITY GROUPS. A SECOND VISIT WILL BE MADE BY AN  
EC MONITORING TEAM ON 7 NOV TO INVESTIGATE THE  
POSITION IN OTHER VILLAGES REFERRED TO IN THE LETTER  
FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF SFR YUGOSLAVIA. END TEXT.

-- JNA REPORT

16. BEGIN TEXT. ON 1 NOV 91 THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL  
GUARD AND MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
CROATIA HAVE UNDERTAKEN A BROAD AND EXTREMELY BRUTAL  
OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE SERBIAN POPULATION IN THE AREA  
OF SOUTHERN SLOPES OF MT. BILOGORA AND AT THE  
DIRECTIONS OF VELIKI GREDJEVAC-GRUBISNO POLJE-IVANOVO  
SELO AND THE VILLAGE OF LEVINOVAC-MIOKOVICEVO.  
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17. EIGHTEEN (18) SERBIAN VILLAGES WERE SET ON FIRE,  
AS PER INCOMPLETE DATA AND INFORMATION, WHILE THE  
NUMBER OF KILLED AND WOUNDED CITIZENS IS HIGH.

18. REFUGE OF SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF SERBS, MOSTLY  
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WOMEN, OLD PEOPLE AND CHILDREN, ARE ON THE MOVE  
TOWARDS THE SLAVONIAN MOUNTAINS AND BANJA LUKA.

19. APART FROM THAT, A PROCLAMATION FOR FORCED EXODUS

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OF THE SERBIAN POPULATION FROM APPROX. TWENTY SEVEN  
(27) VILLAGES IN THE POZESKA KOTLINA (SLAVONSKA  
POZEGA) HAS BEEN ISSUED AND THEY ARE DIRECTED TO THE  
ALREADY ORGANIZED CAMPS.

10. FURTHER TO THE ABOVE STATED, WE DEMAND THAT THE  
HEAD OF THE EC MONITORING MISSION STRONGLY PROTESTS  
WITH THE CROATIAN AUTHORITIES AGAINST THESE GENOCIDE  
ACTIONS AND OTHER PROCEDURES AND TO SEND URGENTLY THE  
MONITORING TEAMS FOR COLLECTING OF RELEVANT DATA AND  
SUBMITTING OF REPORTS TO THE EC MONITORING MISSION.

11. A REQUEST WAS ADDRESSED TO THE REGIONAL  
COORDINATION CENTER OF THE EC MISSION IN SARAJEVO  
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THAT THE MONITORS, FROM THE SUB-CENTER ALLOCATED IN  
BANJA LUKA IMMEDIATELY PAY VISIT TO LT. COL. GENERAL  
NIKOLA UZELAC WHO WILL INFORM THEM IN DETAILS ON  
DRAMATIC POSITION OF THE SERBIAN PEOPLE IN THE  
WESTERN SLAVONIA. END TEXT.

-- CROATIAN ARMY REPORT (ROUGH CONSULATE TRANSLATION)

12. BEGIN TEXT. ALREADY FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF  
TIME, SINCE THE AGGRESSION ON THE CROATIAN REPUBLIC  
BEGAN, JNA ENEMY FORCES AND CHETNIK UNITS ARE TRYING  
TO ACHIEVE THEIR IMPERIALIST GOAL OF "GREAT SERBIA".  
NOW THEY ARE TRYING TO REALIZE THIS IRRATIONAL GOAL  
CONFIRM THOUSANDS OF HURT CIVILIANS, DESTROYED  
CROATIAN VILLAGES AND TOWNS. CHILDREN, WOMEN,  
WOUNDED, OLD AND FEEBLE ARE NOT SPARED FROM THE WAR  
SUFFERINGS CAUSED BY THE OCCUPYING FORCES.

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HOSPITALS, CHURCHES, KINDERGARTEN SCHOOLS, OLD FOLKS  
HOMES, OBJECTS OF ZERO CATEGORY, ETC., ARE DESTROYED.

13. ONE OF THE MANY DAMAGED PLACES IS GRUBISNO POLJE  
WHICH FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO  
ENEMY MILITARY ACTION. ATTACKS FROM THE AIR AND  
MORTAR SHELLS THREATENED IN ADDITION TO THE TOWN ALSO  
CROATIAN VILLAGES IN THE AREA AND IN ADDITION TO THE  
SUFFERINGS OF CIVILIANS, GREAT MATERIAL DAMAGE WAS  
DONE.

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14. TO JUSTIFY ALL THIS, AND TO DRAW ATTENTION FROM  
THEIR OWN CRIMES, THE ENEMY IS USING ITS SERBIAN  
PROPAGANDA TO CONVINCE THE WORLD THAT CROATIA IS AN  
"USTASHA COUNTRY" AND IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, IS

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LAUNCHING NEW MISINFORMATION WHICH AS A RULE REVEAL  
FURTHER CRIMINAL INTENTIONS.

15. AN EXAMPLE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED IS THE STRIKING  
SUBJECT OF THE SERBIAN MEDIA IN RECENT DAYS, ABOUT A  
SUPPOSED BURNING OF SERBIAN VILLAGES AND KILLING OF  
"UNARMED" SERBIAN PEOPLE ON THE TERRITORY OF GRUBISNO  
POLJE FROM THE SIDE OF "USTASHA COMBATANTS." BY  
THIS, FOR WHO KNOWS HOW MANY TIMES, IT IS ATTEMPTED  
TO CREATE MISUNDERSTANDING, IN ORDER, UNDER THE  
PRESSURE OF THE WORLD PUBLICITY, TO TRY TO PREVENT  
MILITARY ACTION OF THE CROATIAN ARMY FROM THE  
LIBERATION OF ITS OWN TERRITORY, AND TO JUSTIFY ITS  
OWN IMPERIALIST ACTIVITY.

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16. THE CROATIAN ARMY IS LEADING AND WILL LEAD THE  
LIBERATION WAR FOR EVERY INCH OF ITS HOMELAND  
ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. BY THE DIRTY  
WAR WHICH WAS IMPOSED UPON US NOT ONLY FROM THE  
GRUBISNO POLJE REGION, BUT FROM THE WHOLE CROATIAN  
TERRITORY, ALL WILL DISAPPEAR WHO REACHED OUT FOR  
CROATIAN TERRITORY AND ALSO THOSE WHO VIOLATED THE  
CROATIAN STATE. THERE WILL BE NO MERCY IN THE NAME  
OF ALL INNOCENT VICTIMS FROM VUKOVAR TO DUBROVNIK.  
ALL LOYAL CITIZENS OF THE CROATIAN REPUBLIC HAVE NO  
REASON FOR FEAR. CROATIAN SOLDIERS ARE DEFENDING  
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WITH THE INTERNATIONAL RULES OF MILITARY BEHAVIOR IN  
DISTINCTION FROM THOSE WHO DID NOT

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SUCCEED TO LEARN IT DURING MILITARY SCHOOLING. (NO  
WONDER THAT THERE ARE SO MANY CRIMES|)

117. CROATIAN ARMY WILL WIN, FIGHTING TO THE LAST  
DROP OF BLOOD IF THIS IS NECESSARY FOR ITS HOMELAND,  
BUT THE FLAME WHICH BURNS ON THE GROUND OF THE  
FORMER YUGOSLAVIA IS THREATENING WITH INCREASED  
PROPORTIONS. IT IS THE VERY LAST MOMENT THAT THE  
WORLD, WHICH SEES AND UNDERSTANDS ALL, VERY WELL,  
UNDERTAKES SOMETHING. END TEXT.  
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